

SENATE BILL No. 396

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-42-4-4.

Synopsis: Child exploitation. Increases the criminal penalty for: (1) the offense of child exploitation from a Level 5 felony to a Level 4 felony; (2) child exploitation involving a child less than 12 years of age from a Level 5 felony to a Level 3 felony; (3) possession of child pornography from a Level 6 felony to a Level 5 felony; and (4) possession of child pornography involving a child less than 12 years of age from a Level 6 felony to a Level 4 felony.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-42-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-2014,
2 SECTION 69, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4. (a) The following definitions apply throughout
4 this section:
5 (1) "Disseminate" means to transfer possession for free or for a
6 consideration.
7 (2) "Matter" has the same meaning as in IC 35-49-1-3.
8 (3) "Performance" has the same meaning as in IC 35-49-1-7.
9 (4) "Sexual conduct" means sexual intercourse, other sexual
10 conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5), exhibition of the
11 uncovered genitals intended to satisfy or arouse the sexual desires
12 of any person, sadomasochistic abuse, sexual intercourse or other
13 sexual conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5) with an animal,
14 or any fondling or touching of a child by another person or of
15 another person by a child intended to arouse or satisfy the sexual
16 desires of either the child or the other person.



(b) A person who:

(1) knowingly or intentionally manages, produces, sponsors, presents, exhibits, photographs, films, videotapes, or creates a digitized image of any performance or incident that includes sexual conduct by a child under eighteen (18) years of age;

(2) knowingly or intentionally disseminates, exhibits to another person, offers to disseminate or exhibit to another person, or sends or brings into Indiana for dissemination or exhibition matter that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child under eighteen (18) years of age;

(3) knowingly or intentionally makes available to another person a computer, knowing that the computer's fixed drive or peripheral device contains matter that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age; or

(4) with the intent to satisfy or arouse the sexual desires of any person:

(A) knowingly or intentionally:

(i) manages;

(ii) produces;

(iii) sponsors;

(iv) presents;

(v) exhibits;

(vi) photographs;

(vii) films;

(viii) videotapes; or

(ix) creates a digitized image of;

any performance or incident that includes the uncovered genitals of a child less than eighteen (18) years of age or the exhibition of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age;

(B) knowingly or intentionally:

(i) disseminates to another person;

(ii) exhibits to another person;

(iii) offers to disseminate or exhibit to another person; or

(iv) sends or brings into Indiana for dissemination or exhibition;

matter that depicts the uncovered genitals of a child less than eighteen (18) years of age or the exhibition of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age; or

(C) makes available to another person a computer, knowing



that the computer's fixed drive or peripheral device contains matter that depicts the uncovered genitals of a child less than eighteen (18) years of age or the exhibition of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age; commits child exploitation, a ~~Level 5~~ **Level 4** felony. **However, the offense is a Level 3 felony if the child is less than twelve (12) years of age.**

(c) A person who knowingly or intentionally possesses:

- (1) a picture;
- (2) a drawing;
- (3) a photograph;
- (4) a negative image;
- (5) undeveloped film;
- (6) a motion picture;
- (7) a videotape;
- (8) a digitized image; or
- (9) any pictorial representation;

that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child who the person knows is less than eighteen (18) years of age or who appears to be less than eighteen (18) years of age, and that lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value commits possession of child pornography, a ~~Level 6~~ **Level 5** felony. **However, the offense is a Level 4 felony if the child is less than twelve (12) years of age.**

(d) Subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to a bona fide school, museum, or public library that qualifies for certain property tax exemptions under IC 6-1.1-10, or to an employee of such a school, museum, or public library acting within the scope of the employee's employment when the possession of the listed materials is for legitimate scientific or educational purposes.

(e) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that:

- (1) the person is a school employee; and
- (2) the acts constituting the elements of the offense were performed solely within the scope of the person's employment as a school employee.

(f) Except as provided in subsection (g), it is a defense to a prosecution under subsection (b) or (c) if all of the following apply:

- (1) A cellular telephone, another wireless or cellular communications device, or a social networking web site was used to possess, produce, or disseminate the image.
- (2) The defendant is not more than four (4) years older or younger than the person who is depicted in the image or who received the



image.

(3) The relationship between the defendant and the person who received the image or who is depicted in the image was a dating relationship or an ongoing personal relationship. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "ongoing personal relationship" does not include a family relationship.

(4) The crime was committed by a person less than twenty-two (22) years of age.

(5) The person receiving the image or who is depicted in the image acquiesced in the defendant's conduct.

(g) The defense to a prosecution described in subsection (f) does not apply if:

(1) the person who receives the image disseminates it to a person other than the person:

(A) who sent the image; or

(B) who is depicted in the image;

(2) the image is of a person other than the person who sent the image or received the image; or

(3) the dissemination of the image violates:

(A) a protective order to prevent domestic or family violence issued under IC 34-26-5 (or, if the order involved a family or household member, under IC 34-26-2 or IC 34-4-5.1-5 before their repeal);

(B) an ex parte protective order issued under IC 34-26-5 (or, if the order involved a family or household member, an emergency order issued under IC 34-26-2 or IC 34-4-5.1 before their repeal);

(C) a workplace violence restraining order issued under IC 34-26-6;

(D) a no contact order in a dispositional decree issued under IC 31-34-20-1, IC 31-37-19-1, or IC 31-37-5-6 (or IC 31-6-4-15.4 or IC 31-6-4-15.9 before their repeal) or an order issued under IC 31-32-13 (or IC 31-6-7-14 before its repeal) that orders the person to refrain from direct or indirect contact with a child in need of services or a delinquent child;

(E) a no contact order issued as a condition of pretrial release, including release on bail or personal recognizance, or pretrial diversion, and including a no contact order issued under IC 35-33-8-3.6;

(F) a no contact order issued as a condition of probation;

(G) a protective order to prevent domestic or family violence issued under IC 31-15-5 (or IC 31-16-5 or IC 31-1-11.5-8.2



- 1 before their repeal);
 2 (H) a protective order to prevent domestic or family violence
 3 issued under IC 31-14-16-1 in a paternity action;
 4 (I) a no contact order issued under IC 31-34-25 in a child in
 5 need of services proceeding or under IC 31-37-25 in a juvenile
 6 delinquency proceeding;
 7 (J) an order issued in another state that is substantially similar
 8 to an order described in clauses (A) through (I);
 9 (K) an order that is substantially similar to an order described
 10 in clauses (A) through (I) and is issued by an Indian:
 11 (i) tribe;
 12 (ii) band;
 13 (iii) pueblo;
 14 (iv) nation; or
 15 (v) organized group or community, including an Alaska
 16 Native village or regional or village corporation as defined
 17 in or established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement
 18 Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);
 19 that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and
 20 services provided by the United States to Indians because of
 21 their special status as Indians;
 22 (L) an order issued under IC 35-33-8-3.2; or
 23 (M) an order issued under IC 35-38-1-30.
 24 (h) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that:
 25 (1) the person was less than eighteen (18) years of age at the time
 26 the alleged offense was committed; and
 27 (2) the circumstances described in IC 35-45-4-6(a)(2) through
 28 IC 35-45-4-6(a)(4) apply.
 29 (i) A person is entitled to present the defense described in
 30 subsection (h) in a pretrial hearing. If a person proves by a
 31 preponderance of the evidence in a pretrial hearing that the defense
 32 described in subsection (h) applies, the court shall dismiss the charges
 33 under this section with prejudice.

